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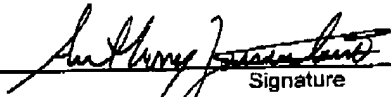
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 22, 2005, please replace the amendment section of the response filed on November 9, 2005 with the following Amendments to the Claims section:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.